To: Austin

The Trust for Public Land

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Mr. Michael Phillips
Glide Foundation
330 Ellis Street
San Francisco, California

Dear Mike:

My current projects are summarized as follows:

$600 went to the Western Montana Scientists Committee on Public Information. This group involved a Dr. Clancey Gordon one of the nation's leading air pollution scientists who has actively pursued air quality violations in the courts and elsewhere. In addition he is one of the nation's leading community organization specialists. Montana has a complete dearth of foundations. In this case they needed funds to carry the organization during an interim period when he had run out of grants but was expecting additional ones.

$500 to Tom Devries, a former KQED newsroom specialist, to cover a study of the results of the successful injunction concerning the PROPOSITION 20 coastal zoning act. The court had required that television stations give equal time to the proponents of the issue. Some cities such as Sacramento, and San Francisco complied and allowed the proponents to have equal time while others particularly Los Angeles were not as open and helpful. Thus it provided an opportunity to study the returns to see what the effect of TV was on the vote in those areas where it was used compared to those where it was not well used. The report is very interesting and is being used as part of a national paper written on the subject of equal time and being carried in a legal journal. Common Cause is issuing the report for further study as well.

Randy Mudgett's $1000 went to get the only footage of the Stockholm conference that I am aware of out of the film developing laboratories. Mudgett and his colleagues had gone to Stockholm but operating on a thin budget did not have money left to get their material developed. Stewart sent him over. I thought it was worth the risk of the $1000 in the event their material had an important message. Now having seen it, they are satisfied at its potential and are completing it as a film.

Mary Jean Haley did a study of the Marincello project, the 2100-acre land owned by Gulf Oil adjacent to the Golden Gate Bridge which had been extremely controversial and over a period of years had gone from certain development into preservation status. This evolution, the individuals, the organization, the public attitudes involved with it represent in my opinion one of the landmarks of public awareness in citizen's action toward land policy in their own communities. It's a very complex project but being handled by her in good fashion.

A grant of $5000 is going to Richard Nielsen and Rosemary Meninger. This team has undertaken the challenge of establishing a center for applied ecology the directives of which will include the training of individuals to manage land particularly farm land in relation to its social and political importance with urban centers.

They also will plan to hold farm lands that become available to various conservation agencies in the nation on a gift basis. Both are excellent administrators and in addition potentially good fundraisers. They will administer bothe the Olklosky and Chadwick programs as they relate to the center. It's my major program undertaking for the year in an area that I feel is in need of improvement.

Helga and Bill Olklosky, $5000, to support them in educating urban dwellers to have an agricultural outlook relating to the land and to assist in the training program which Richard and Rosemary will be administering. The Olkloskys have a Berkeley garden adjacent to the campus which included a working methane generator, a highly productive organic garden, a catfish pond, a circulating food chain, a rabbit hutch, etc. all being used as a community education technique. They are particularly skilled in the survival sense.

$1000 went to Eileen Hulse, a young administrator whom I tag as one of the coming national leaders in the environmental field. She wanted to go to law school and was in need of financial assistance as a beginning.

The University of Alaska planned an Earth Day but was under considerable pressure to not rock the boat because of the oil company's interest at this time there. They needed some money to bring in outside speakers since none of the campus professors could participate and still hold their jobs. $500 went to assist them.

Sincerely,

Huey D. Johnson
President

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